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Arizona Corporation Commission

Complaint Description: 19X Other - Electric Competition
08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

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Nature of Complaint:

From: Bill Gates [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 5:15 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Public Comment Form -- Electricity Deregulation

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I have attached my Public Comment form concerning Decklet No. E-00000W-13-0135. I oppose the proposal to deregulate electricity in Arizona.

William M. Gates

Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

The adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" is most appropriate for the electricity deregulation issue now before the Commission. I absolutely oppose making any change to the current structure unless the Corporation Commission can demonstrate the proposed change will categorically and substantially benefit residential consumers and small businesses. I see no such evidence.

Arizona's electric rates are below the national average. In fact, according to the Capitol Times, they are below the rates of 13 of the 17 states where deregulation is now in place.

I worry about the risk deregulation invites. And I worry about what has happened in some states where deregulation may have saved a few pennies on their electric bills. State Sen. Steve Pierce summed it up well: "Deregulation has a long record of power shortages, rolling blackouts, and price manipulation," he wrote recently.

Proponents of deregulation are lured by the promise of a few pennies reduction on their rates. For big users it can mean big money. But residential users need only to step outside in 110-degree heat any afternoon to realize risking power outages and rolling blackouts is a big gamble to take for a few pennies.

Arizona's electric rates are fair. They're low enough so they are not an obstacle to attracting industry.

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They're low enough so as not to burden small businesses and residential users. Please do not allow Arizonans to be put at risk because a few people believe they can squeeze a few pennies more through deregulation.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

8/12/13 Opinion noted and filed in Docket No. E-00000W-13-0135. closed

End of Comments

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